



# Virginia Green Hotels & Lodging Facilities



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## Bay Haven Inn of Cape Charles Cape Charles, VA



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**Virginia Green** is the Commonwealth of Virginia's campaign to promote environmentally-friendly practices in all aspects of Virginia's tourism industry. **Virginia Green** has established "core activities" specific to each sector of tourism, and these practices are considered the required minimum for participation in the program. However, **Virginia Green** encourages its participants to reduce their environmental impacts in all aspects of their operations, and this profile provides a full list of all their "green" activities. These are the activities that guests / customers can expect to find when they visit this facility.

## Bay Haven Inn of Cape Charles

Rejuvenate your soul in the welcoming and relaxing atmosphere of the Bay Haven Inn of Cape Charles as you feel the calm bay breezes and glow of glorious sunsets that only Cape Charles, on Virginia's Eastern Shore, can provide.

As we are nestled upon the cove of the Chesapeake Bay our awareness of protection our natural resources is keen. We applaud what Virginia Green is doing and we stand strong in taking action in all we can do to make a difference.

Our goal is to serve the freshest food possible and we believe in the farm to table experience. Virginia's Eastern Shore has a bountiful agricultural and aqua culture environment and we happily incorporate these resources into our Bed and Breakfast. We also plan a vegetable, herb garden and edible flower garden on our grounds and incorporate those fresh ingredients into our breakfasts for guests. We provide this information on our web site and share where the ingredients come from to our guests.

For more 'green' specific information : [www.bayhaveninnbnb.com](http://www.bayhaveninnbnb.com)

### Virginia Green Activities

#### **This facility pledges that they:**

##### **Offer optional linen service**

- Have signage in each guest room explaining the linen reuse procedures
- Change linens only upon request

- Train housekeeping staff on our process for optional linen service
- Track optional linen participation rate
- Purchase water- and energy-efficient washers and dryers
- Minimize the use of bleach and chlorinated chemicals
- Use a service that has environmentally-preferable wet cleaning for dry-clean only items
- Line dry linens whenever possible
- Other Activities: use HE products

## Recycle

- Have in place clearly marked recycling bins or provide convenient drop-off locations for guests to recycle:

- Glass Bottles
- Plastic Bottles
- Aluminum cans
- Steel cans
- Newspaper
- Office paper

Other items recycled by the facility:

- Printer/ copy machine toner cartridges
- Cardboard
- Fluorescent lamps
- Batteries
- Electronics equipment such as computers, etc.
- Other Activities: donate magazines to local library and shelters

## Reduce solid waste

- Instruct housekeeping staff to save and reuse unopened items
- Donate excess food from events
- Compost food waste and other compostables
- Have an effective food inventory control system to minimize waste
- Use cloth napkins
- Use reusable coffee filters
- Use water pitchers to minimize the use of single-use bottles
- Remove facility and staff names from junk mail lists when possible
- Reuse scrap paper for notes
- Reuse or donate shipping and packing supplies (peanuts, bubble wrap, etc.)
- Make double-sided photocopies and avoid making extra photocopies
- Use electronic correspondence and forms when possible
- Use reused building materials or those from sustainable sources
- Use latex, low or no-VOC paints
- Properly recycle and/or dispose of thinners and solvents

- Perform preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles
- Use integrated pest management (IPM)
- Minimize use of pesticides and herbicides in landscaping

### Use water efficiently

- Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks
- Have installed low flow toilets (use 1.6 gallons per flush or less)
- Have landscaping that utilizes native species
- Use rain gauges and water meters and only irrigate when necessary
- Have minimized our lawn area
- Have installed rain barrels
- Have installed drip line irrigation
- Use a nutrient management plan that minimizes the use of fertilizers
- Other Activities: have chosen drought tolerant plants to minimize the need for irrigation

### Conserve energy

- Track overall energy bills
- Have had an energy audit to identify efficiency opportunities within the past 12 months
- Have installed ceiling fans
- Regularly perform preventative maintenance on HVAC system
- Keep office doors and windows closed if HVAC system is on
- Use natural lighting (i.e., open draperies and raise shades whenever adequate light from windows is available)
- Have adopted a policy/practice to turn off lights in unoccupied rooms
- Have installed high efficiency fluorescent ballasts and lamps (T-5 and T-8)
- Have adopted a policy/practice to minimize the use of lighting during night cleaning
- Use ENERGY STAR qualified office equipment (computers, monitors, copiers, printers, etc.)
- Have adopted a policy/practice to turn off fans, computers, monitors and other devices in unoccupied rooms at the end of the workday or when otherwise not being used

### Offer a green events package

- We do not host conferences or events



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For more information on **Bay Haven Inn of Cape Charles**, see [www.bayhaveninnbnb.com](http://www.bayhaveninnbnb.com) or contact Tammy Holloway at [Tammy@BayHavenInnbnb.com](mailto:Tammy@BayHavenInnbnb.com) or 757-331-2838.

For more information on the Virginia Green program,  
see [www.deq.state.va.us/Programs/PollutionPrevention/VirginiaGreen.aspx](http://www.deq.state.va.us/Programs/PollutionPrevention/VirginiaGreen.aspx).



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